

BIDDER QUESTIONS – Allied Pharmaceuticals – Nancy Cramer
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RE: MDH/OPASS 20-18592 – Pharmaceutical Services

Page 57, states under item (M) current costs as of December 31, 2018. Should that read December 31, 2019.

Departmental Response – Via Addendum #1, date is changed to December 31, 2019.

Page 4 item 2.3.2.5 pharmacy to fill single dose oral syringes. Can only place a 72-hour expiration date on this type of item. Can be very costly. It is not recommended as the industry has a concern that items in a syringe may be mistaken for an IV item.

Department Response: The RICAs do not use single dose, oral syringes.

Page 4 ITEM 2.3.2.7 DRUG CABINETS are equivalent to a pyxis like medication cabinets in Western Maryland and Deer's head. They are not just an interim "box" Western Maryland has three Pyxis like interim cabinets and Deer's head has two Pyxis like medication cabinets. These medication cabinets are connected to the pharmacy. In these two facilities, it is a monthly nursing station inspection as they are nursing facilities.

Department Response:

DHHC – monthly

Holly Center – monthly

RICA – Baltimore – no drug cabinets

RICA – Rockville – no medicine cabinets

WMHC – monthly

Page 5 item 2.3.2.16 No credits for items returned 90 days after the dispense date should be added.

Department Response – Included in Addendum #2.

Page 6 items 2.3.2.20 Granulex and Bronkosol are no longer items on the market.

Departmental Response – Medication deleted from this section via Addendum #1

Page 6 item 2.3.2.22 can you add "or tamper evident packaging." **Yes, please add that - it is relevant.**

Departmental Response – Additional wording added via Addendum #1

Page 7 item 2.3.3.5 need an exception for items that cannot be obtained in one day due to holidays, drop ship items, or not available. Can you add the statement under

2.3.3.8 item C that addresses non-availability of a product? **May want to add "contractor will make arrangements with local pharmacies to provide not available within needed time frames due to holidays, drop ship, or items not available"?**

Department Response – Additional requirement for local pharmacies have been added via Addendum #1

Page 10 item 2.3.7.5 conduct clinical reviews within 5 days of a new resident on site. With the COVID-19 can you remove the “on-site” **Should read "conduct clinical reviews within 5 days of a new resident or patient" and I am okay with dropping the "on site"**

Department Response – Due to Covid-19, the on-site requirement of clinical reviews within 5 days of a new resident or patient submission is deleted. See Addendum #2.

Page 10 item 2.3.7.6 reviews are required monthly for Western Maryland Hospital Center and Deer’s Head Hospital. **"Yes, this should probably specifically say monthly or quarterly depending on regulation" as it may be different based on the type of facility.**

Department Response:

WMHC – monthly reviews
DHHC – monthly reviews
Holly Center – quarterly reviews
Potomac Center – quarterly reviews
RICA – Baltimore – quarterly reviews
RICA – Rockville – quarterly reviews

Page 11 item 2.3.7.10 states monthly inspections. Monthly for Western Maryland and Deer’s Head, quarterly for the other four

Department Response:

WMHC – monthly
DHHC – monthly
Holly Center – monthly
RICA – Baltimore – quarterly
RICA – Rockville – quarterly

Page 12 item 2.3.8.1 equipment to be supplied. Please provide the number of medication carts each facility requires.

Department Response:

Deer's Head Center – 9 medication carts

Holly Center – 6 medication carts (5 full size, 1 interim size)

Potomac Center/SETT – 7 medication carts

RICA-Baltimore – 3 medication carts (40" wide x 42" tall x 25" deep)

RICA-Rockville – 3 medication carts

WMHC – 12 medication carts

Page 12 item 2.3.8.2 cabinets (emergency and interim carts) please clarify the number of cabinets needed and also the type of cabinet. Currently three Pyxis like cabinets are in Western Maryland and Two Pyxis like cabinets are in Deer's Head.

Department Response:

WMHC – 3 Pyxis like cabinets

DHHC – 2 Pyxis like cabinets

Holly Center – N/A

Potomac Center – 7 cabinets – small

RICA – Baltimore – No cabinets – 4 interim boxes

Page 13 item 2.3.8.3 need to clarify what the facility wants in terms of interim and emergency cabinets (same as page 12 item 2.3.8.2). Type and number of each. **Deer's Head needs an emergency drug box for each patient care unit including the KDU (total =5) in addition to the 2 Automatic Dispensing Cabinets (aka interim and emergency cabinets).**

Department Response:

Holly Center – 1 interim box; 5 ER drug boxes

RICA-Baltimore – No cabinets; 4 interim boxes

RICA-Rockville – 2 boxes

WMHC – Total 4; One for each unit; spare in RN Supervisor closet; An emergency behavior drug box; also in RN Supervisor closet.

Page 15 item C. Western Maryland and Deer's head require monthly inspection reports. **"Yes, this should probably specifically say monthly Pharmacy inspection reports for the Chronic Hospital and quarterly for other facilities depending on regulation" as it may be different based on the type of facility.**

Department Response:

Holly Center – monthly inspection

RICA – Baltimore – quarterly inspection

Page 19 after item 11 states “invoices that contain both fixed price and time and material items shall be clearly identify each item as either fixed price or time and material billing. Is this bid the acquisition cost of the medications billed to the facility plus a fixed monthly fee that covers everything else.

Department Response:

The Contractor will be reimbursed at the Actual Acquisition Cost rate for drugs not covered through insurance or for residents that have no insurance. Refer to IFB – Attachment B Bid Form and Instructions, items I, M & N. regarding coverage of additional costs including monthly fee.